

Passage of Street Railway Bill  
Will Be Urged at Meeting  
of House To-Night.

**CITIZENS ASKED TO ATTEND.**

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**Seven Commercial Bodies Will Be  
Represented in Demonstration  
Before Lower Branch of  
Municipal Assembly.**

Members of various business organizations interested in the bill to regulate the street railways are preparing to make a demonstration at the House of Delegates to-night when the bill comes up for its final passage.

Copies of a circular letter calling attention to the importance of the measure have been sent to all the members of the House, and citizens have been requested to co-operate in a movement to urge the bill's passage.

Members of seven organizations will attend the meeting. They will represent the West End Business Men's Association, Boardman Business Men's Association, Southwest Merchants' Association, South Broadway Merchants' Association, Tenth Ward Improvement Association, North St. Louis

Several weeks ago a joint committee representing the above-named organisations forwarded a petition to the Minister, requesting that the Government consider asking that the street-railway bill be acted upon without further delay. The petition was ignored.

Mr. Deane, then introduced a resolution to have the bill acted upon, which had the effect of bringing the members of the Legislative Council to a meeting of the committee was held, and the bill was reported favorably by a majority of the members.

The bill was then sent to argument. Despite the efforts of Father Juan Sweeney to have it killed, there were not enough members present to carry it out. Representatives of the various business associations pressed by their presence at the House, trying to make sure that those members who are in favor of the bill and to serve notice on those who are obstructing its passage, that they are alive to its interests and determined to obtain legislation that will be a relief from the present street-car conditions.

Interesting Stereoscopic Lecture by  
E. L. Corbillion in the Mercantile  
Clubrooms Last Night.

Commercial, racial and social problems of the Argentine Republic were discussed last night in the Mercantile Clubrooms by E. L. Corbillion, who for two years was consulting engineer in the Department of Public Works of that country.

The lecture was given under the auspices of the Mercantile Club and the Engineers' Club, and about 60 persons enjoyed it. Mr. Corbillion showed stereoscopic pictures which gave a good idea of the resources of Argentine.

He said that the people of the Argentine Republic were the most progressive of any people in the South, and that they were anxious to form closer business relations with the United States. He discussed at great length the commercial possibilities of the South American Republic.

Before the lecture began Mr. Corbillion was the guest of honor at a dinner given jointly

**BIBLES FOR NEW BATTLESHIPS.**  
Christian Endeavorers Disapprove  
Punch Bowls and Wine Sets.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Bridgeton, N. J., March 12.—Instead of  
following custom and presenting a punch  
bowl or wine set to the battleship named  
after the State.

It is held by the Christian Endeavor Society of Cumberland County, N. J., that a movement to give Bibles to the battleship New Jersey and her crew.

It is held by the Christian Endeavorers that the punch bowl or wine set would encourage liquor drinking. It is their idea that a large Bible, well known as the ship's Bible, and smaller editions for every man in the crew, would better conserve public sentiment. A committee has been organized to urge the suggestion and enlist the aid of other societies in the movement.

**BRIDGROOM TRIES SUICIDE.**  
Richard Newsam, Jr., Shoots Him-  
self at Kingston.

**REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.**  
Feoria, Ill., March 12.—Richard Newsam, Jr., son of the president of the State Mining Board, attempted suicide this afternoon in a room over the company store at Kingston, where he was before Police.

He fired three shots into himself, one

wasine through his right lung, another through his intestines and the third entering his right leg near the groin. He cannot recover.

He has been married only a month.

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**COMBINED AGES 252 YEARS.**

**Two Aged Couples Are Married at Paducah, Ky.**

Paducah, Ky., March 12.—Two couples, with combined ages of 253 years, were married here to-day.

They were George W. Simmons, 71 years old, of this county, and Mary M. Stephens, 83 years, of this city, and E. C. Usher, 39 years, and Margaret Josephine Towne, 44 years, both of Graves County.

Mr. Usher was so feeble that he had to sit while waiting on the clerk to issue the license.

Decease.

Delegates to Charities Conference.

**PUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Springfield, Ill., March 12.—Governor Yates  
has appointed the following delegates to  
represent Illinois at the National Confer-  
ence of Charities and Correction at Atlanta,  
June 6-12:

M. Ashcraft,	Ephraim Banning,	O. T.
Wright, John J. Hubbard,	Donald	
Wright, D. Sarah Hackett	Stevenson,	W. M.
Smith, Joseph	Charles	Gerrard,
Franklin McHargue,	Thomas	McMillan,
Estlin, John J. Sloan,	Mrs. Julia B. Shattuck	
Mrs. Flora Martin	John	Doctor W.
Alton, Marshall	Captain Henry	

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 ...ll; Mrs. Hannah B. Clark, Gatesburg; Emory  
 ...n, Kanakake; Judge ...; ...  
 ...Professor John W. Cook, Richman; Sulli-  
 ...Curtis, Johnston; Colonel ...;  
 ...Springfield; Mrs. Sophia L. Smith; Henry Davis,  
 ...Dudley, Glenwood; Judge William P. Barry,  
 ...Hawardsville; James ...;  
 ...Professor David Peimley, Normal; ... Anna Pro-  
 ...ville; Judge John J. Glenn, Monmouth; ...  
 ...Abrah D. Hill, Lacatur; ...  
 ...Greenville; Doctor J. C. Gorman and Captain J.  
 ...Freeman, Jacksonville; ...  
 ...Moonington; Doctor J. S. Pettit, ... March.  
 ...W. Rainey, Carrollton; Mrs. Lola L. Rick-  
 ...M., Matteson; Miss ...

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**Howard-Payne Charter Celebration.**  
PUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Payette, Mo., March 12.—The annual celebration of Charter Day at Howard Payne college was held to-day. This evening an interesting programme was rendered before a large audience of friends and patrons of the college.

**Farmer Commits Suicide.**  
Henry Knoche, a farmer living midway between Edwardsville and Alton, committed

etgun last night by forcing a load from a  
ve been the cause. Ill health is said to